

DRAFT FOR DISCUSSION PURPOSES ONLY**Proposed Claim Amendments**

1. (Currently Amended) A method of protecting application program software executing API code

including:

actuating a tracer function to copy a segment of instructions from the API code until an instruction from the API code is reached that cannot be followed or until an instruction above a specified number is reached;

storing and executing the copied instructions; and

returning to the next instruction of the API code, wherein the next instruction of the API code is a first uncopied instruction of the API code.